



Meet Marist's New President



Marist's new President, Suzanne Graf

By Brandon David

Congratulations are in order for Suzanne Graf, Marist's current development and advancement director, who has been selected as Marist's first president.

According to a press release sent out to parents, Graf was selected with a unanimous vote by the Marist board.

Graf will officially assume this milestone position on July 1, 2015.

Testifying For Life



Senior Tate Rupp speaks at the Right to Life Rally. Photo courtesy of Heidi Sušec

By Joe Laver

Marist for Life, the pro-life club at Marist, attended the Right to Life Rally at the Roe v. Wade Memorial in Portland Oregon on January 18th. Senior Tate Rupp gave a speech on his experience with the pro-life movement.

Rupp will be attending the Affair of the Heart on February 5th at the Valley River Inn to give a similar speech on choosing pro-life.

STRONG SPARTAN OF THE WEEK



Students grab a cookie or two before heading to their next final. Photo by Natalia Zreljak

By Livia Kokkino

Shout out to members of SNHS who donated and handed out free cookies during finals week in the 400 hallway. The cookies were a reward for the hard working students in between finals and gave them a chance to step away and de-stress for a while.

"We wanted to create a stress free environment during finals. We noticed that there wasn't anything like that on campus," junior Margo Werner said.

TOGETHER WE ARE ONE



Archbishop Alexander Sample preaches to students, staff, and parents. Photo by Toni Cooper

Eugene community celebrates National Catholic Schools Week

By Austin McIntire and Jordan Pickrel

In celebration of National Catholic Schools Week, students and staff of Marist High School, St. Paul Parish School, and O'Hara Catholic School gathered in the Marist gym on Tuesday for the annual All Catholic Schools Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Alexander Sample.

In Archbishop Sample's first visit to Marist, the leader of Catholics in western Oregon took an opportunity during his homily to express his complete support for

Catholic schools. He commended Catholic schools' excellence, especially in developing the whole person, reminding students that earning the most possessions, getting the best grades, or going to the best college are minimal compared to being the person that God intends each of them to be.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Marist Principal Jay Conroy thanked the teachers and staff of all schools and highlighted the Marist motto "We Are One" lettered on the gym wall to Archbishop Sam-

ple as a symbol of welcome into the Marist community.

Marist also held a canned food drive during Catholic Schools Week, sponsored by the National Honor Society, to benefit Catholic Community Services. This is the tenth year that Marist has held a canned food drive during Catholic Schools Week.

The deadline for the food drive has been extended to Tuesday in order to generate more canned contributions.

SCOUTS' HONOR Marist scout's earn highest religious praise

By Michael Baird

Last Sunday, senior Joe Laver and Juniors Ryan Helbling, Tosten Peterson, and Sam Nelson of Boy Scout Troop 100 traveled to Portland to receive the Boy Scout's highest Catholic award, the Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem, after working together over the past six months to fulfill the requirements for the award.

The four scouts met Sundays after Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church to discuss topics under the supervision of Religious Emblem Coordinator Tony Westover on current issues facing the church and society and how faith can direct career paths. In addition, the group prepared a meal for the homeless in Eugene at St. Mary to fulfill the service requirement and visited Mt. Angel Seminary to learn about vocations.

23,000 Catholic scouts and explorers have earned

the award since 1960 from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

"It was definitely a great honor and blessing to receive the medal from Archbishop Sample," Laver said.



Senior Joe Laver and Juniors Ryan Helbling, Sam Nelson, and Tosten Peterson smile for a picture with Archbishop Alexander Sample. Photo courtesy of Joe Laver

Mr. Spartan Team Visits Babies In The NICU

By Natalia Zreljak

Following an early breakfast at IHOP the 23 members of the Mr. Spartan team visited the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Sacred Heart at RiverBend to see what the money they raise goes to.

The tour began on the Pediatric floor where the team learned just how expensive even the smallest pieces of equipment cost. The team then scrubbed up and entered the NICU for a tour, meeting a few of the babies currently residing in the NICU as well.

"It really showed me why programs like Mr. Spartan are around," said senior Sean Kimball.



The Mr. Spartan team poses for a silly group photo in the open air playground at River Bend. Photo courtesy of Abby Rogers

Speech & Debate Holds Annual Spartan Speaks Tournament



Sophomores Angela Agnew, Madeleine Shojai, and Maya Dotson hold their awards. Photo by Emily Jewett

By Emily Jewett

The annual Marist Spartan Speaks Tournament was held on campus Saturday. Nine teams participated in the tournament, organized by Marist Speech and Debate coach Steve Barth.

"From a tournament perspective it went well," Barth said. "We had a bigger turnout than our last home tournament. The team was very helpful and represented themselves and Marist well."

Sophomores Maya Dotson and Angela Agnew placed first in Parliamentary debate. Sophomore Madeleine Shojai placed third in ADS, or After Dinner Speaking.

"It felt great to win because I didn't expect it. It felt even better because I had a partner to share it with," Dotson said.

Another Successful Metanoia



Marist Grads who get together for a picture in front of the McKenzie River. Photo courtesy of Chad DePaoli

By Clara Lee

Moderator Chad DePaoli was happy to have led another successful Metanoia; this time with 39 seniors and seven alumni.

"Every Metanoia is unique," DePaoli said about this past weekend's second Metanoia of the year at St. Benedicts Lodge. "The different personalities of the participating graduates probably determine the whole thing because they carry the emotions. The seven [graduates] we had this Metanoia were a great group."

Theology teacher Matthew Oppe, after experiencing his first Metanoia this past weekend, is planning on leading some of them in the future. "Mr. Chronister, after many years of faithful service, is stepping down," Oppe said. "So I am taking his ropes of this particular retreat. It was my first time and it was really good."

"It was great to be a part of a small group. I only get to meet all students one to one, very briefly, and I got to see them in small and large groups this time and that was really valuable for me," Senior counselor Court Wirth said.